

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How can I adopt a street or drains?

A: You can join Adopt-A-Street or Adopt-A-Drain by calling the Hotline at **(206) 684-7647** or emailing either adoptastreet@seattle.gov or adoptadrain@seattle.gov to request information or by visiting our websites at: www.seattle.gov/util/AdoptAStreet or www.seattle.gov/util/AdoptAStreet. The information packet will provide you with everything you need to join the program.

Q: As a volunteer, how many clean ups am I required to perform?

A: As an Adopt-A-Street volunteer, there are three options for adoption: **Traditional Adopter**, **Special Adopter** and **One Time Adopter**. Traditional Adopter requires at least four clean ups a year for two years. Special Adopter requires at least four clean ups a year for one year. One Time Adopter is for one-time projects approved by the Adopt-A-Street Coordinator.

A: As an Adopt-A-Drain volunteer, there is no minimum clean up requirement although we recommend weekly clean ups from October to December to avoid drainage clogs. We also request that volunteers adopt a minimum of four storm drains.

Q: Can schools, churches and businesses adopt a street or drains?

A: Yes. We encourage schools, churches, businesses and other organizations to participate in our Adopt-A-Street and Adopt-A-Drain programs as a way to promote community service in their neighborhoods.

Q: What supplies and support will the City provide if I adopt a street or drains?

A: The City provides volunteers with all of the materials needed for cleaning their street or drains on a loan basis. It is the responsibility of the adopter to arrange for the collection of supplies prior to your clean up and return of supplies upon completion of your project. The following tools are available for loan:

Gloves	Rakes	Brooms
Shovels	Trash bags	Dustpans
Safety Vests	Drain stencil kits	Sharps containers
Litter pick up tools (grabbers)		

In addition, as an Adopt-A-Street Traditional Adopter you are entitled to receive two Adopt-A-Street signs which include your name.

Q: After adopting a street, how do I get Adopt-A-Street signs?

A: Adopt-A-Street volunteers who have selected the **Traditional Adopter** option with the Adopt-A-Street program are eligible for two street signs. After conducting your first clean up, contact the Adopt-A-Street Coordinator to arrange for the installation of the signs. Prior to installation, please fill out the **Sign Request Form**.

Q: How do I get rid of the litter that I collected?

A: The City disposes of collected litter by Adopt-A-Street volunteers for free! To schedule a pick-up, please call the Hotline at (206) 684-7647 and provide the following information; 1) exact location of trash bags including intersection 2) number of bags 3) number of volunteer hours 4) number of volunteers 5) date when borrowed supplies will be dropped off.

A: As an Adopt-A-Drain volunteer you are encouraged to dispose of the leaves in your home compost piles or yard waste (Our compost experts have determined that, under most circumstances, you will not have to worry about contaminants such as gas or oil). Your yard waste container is another great option. In November, you can place additional bags alongside your yard waste container at no additional charge or request a one-time coupon to a transfer station for free disposal.

Q: How can I find out if there is an Adopt-A-Street group in my neighborhood?

A: Visit the Adopt-A-Street website at: www.seattle.gov/util/AdoptAStreet for a map of adopted streets, contact us via email at adoptastreet@seattle.gov or call (206) 684-7647.

Q: Can I do more than just pick up litter and garbage?

A: Yes. Adopters are encouraged to participate in our Adopt-A-Drain program, stencil storm drains, remove graffiti from their neighborhood, restore habitat, and do other beautification projects. We would be happy to assist you with these projects.

Q: Can I adopt streets or drains outside of city limits?

A: Our program is only for City of Seattle streets, roads and storm drains. Contact the numbers below for adoption opportunities outside the City of Seattle.

King County Adopt-A-Road	(206) 296-3807
Pierce County Adopt-A-Road	(206) 798-7364
King County Metro Transit Adopt-A-Stop	(206) 263-6503
WA State Dept. of Transportation Adopt-A-Highway Program	(425) 739-3730

Q: Can volunteers pick up and dispose of leaves and plant debris in the streets?

A: Yes. Your group can pick up and dispose of leaves and other plant material along streets and drains. Contact us if you would like to get involved in this type of clean up. If large items (such as branches) are blocking or interfering with traffic, please call Seattle Department of Transportation at (206) 386-1218.

Q: Do you provide insurance for volunteers?

A: Yes. Volunteers in our program are covered under the City's Volunteer Insurance Program. Adopters are required to record the name of each volunteer who is participating in the clean up event on the **Volunteer Sign-in Sheet**.

Q: How many miles of streets have been adopted?

A: Approximately 200 miles of street are under adoption. This is about 30% of the arterial streets in the city.